

MORTON HAS STOOD FIRM.  
SPECIAL EXCISE AGENTS STILL IN THE COMPETITIVE LIST.  
THE STATE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION DENIES MR. LYMAN'S REQUEST FOR THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NON-COMPETITIVE CLASS.

Albany, June 9.—The State Civil Service Commission this afternoon informed State Excise Commissioner Lyman by letter that it did not deem it desirable at this time to make any change in its order suspending Schedule C of the Civil Service regulations, which throws the special excise agents into the competitive list. The Commission also said that Colonel Lyman's suggestion as to the creation of an eligible list from which the officials required could be procured had been attended to. June 24 was fixed as the date for holding the necessary examinations, and certain of the State Excise Commissioner's suggestions concerning such modification of the rules for the examination of the special agents as will enable him to choose from localities instead of from the State at large, were also agreed to.

The advertisement of the examination was also made public by the Commission. It will be an open and competitive one, and will be held on June 24 in New-York, Albany, Syracuse and Buffalo.

The letter sent to Commissioner Lyman was in reply to one sent by him to the Civil Service Commission. In his letter he said:

I beg leave to reiterate my opinion that the classification of specimens agents in any other State department, in all or general competitive service, should be drawn from the State at large, is not desirable, practicable or economical.

The position is not a critical one requiring technical knowledge, but it requires excellent judgment, integrity and discretion, together with sufficient knowledge of the law and practice to enable them to take the initiative and to use the institution of proceedings, either of tax or enforcement of the provisions of law. Especially is this of the special agents of this department, the Fisheries, Game and Forest Commission and some other departments, who, for prudential reasons, require me to act as their sole connecting link with the public, and to do nothing of any benefit.

For instance, if we could have a special agent or proxy drawn from New-York City, be in guard of the State Adirondack lands against depredators? He could only get in and out of the State through the employment of local men, trebling the expense and greatly doing damage of any benefit.

Similar difficulties and embarrassments will certainly arise throughout the whole service, and, before said, the question can much longer than in its application to any other class of agents.

Special industrial work is the rule that all business men adopt in the selection of employees. The practicability and desirability of the non-competitive system has been proved by the experience of the service under which, working exclusively, the Civil Service of England has for years been so creditably and successfully maintained.

In this connection I desire most respectfully to suggest that you concur to order competitive examination for special agents of this department, whether the examination could not be so conducted that the competition would not interfere with the interests of the State, and perhaps securing additional places and dividing the country into districts by senatorial, congressional, judicial or other political divisions, so that men could be drawn for service in localities, and kept in view of the conditions to be utilized, as well as making their expenses at least 50 per cent lighter.

This list could be made large enough and its examination conservative, and yet cover all the cases of any, and all the class of so-called special agents required by the several departments of the State whose duties are of a kindred or similar nature.

I also would suggest that in drawing from this list an appointing officer be allowed a little wider range of choice, say, perhaps, a choice from the first five certified, and that after he has selected a candidate twice he be not allowed, under penalty of disqualification, to name another.

And further, if it will not be considered impertinent of me to suggest as to others, I desire it to be certified to an appointing officer, show in what business and for whom he has worked for the last twenty years, with present address of former employers, if possible, and should also not only show non-conversion for any reason, but also, if possible, that no adjustment for crime is pending.

And the parties drawn should also be required to appear personally and at their own expense before the appointing officer, that he may the better judge of the general character and fitness for the work required.

Begging your pardon for pressing upon you my own opinions, and with earnest assurance that notwithstanding my very different and even opposite opinions with any and all rules and regulations of your commission for the government and control of the service, I am very respectfully yours,

H. H. LYMAN,  
State Commissioner of Excise.

The salary of a special excise agent is \$1,200 a year. Candidates will be rated on experience and examined on handwriting, arithmetic (including fractions and percentages), geography of New-York State and provisions of and legal interpretation of the Liquor Tax law, the machinery for managing crime, and the preparation of affidavits and reports and various general questions concerning common business affairs. A separate eligible list will be prepared for each of the eight judicial districts.

Applicants must be between thirty and sixty years old, residents and citizens of New-York State and free from any physical defect that would interfere with the discharge of their duty.

They must have been engaged in the saloon business or in the sale of liquor directly or indirectly within one year preceding the date of application and must not have been convicted of felony.

**IN THE REAL ESTATE WORLD.**

**BIG TRANSACTIONS NOW UNDER WAY IN DOWNTOWN AND UPTOWN PROPERTY.**

The syndicate represented by C. F. Wilsey, the proprietor of the Cosmopolitan Hotel, will not take property between Barclay and Vesey sts., west of the Astor House, for the big downtown hotel which the syndicate proposes to erect somewhere between Broadway and the North River and below Chambers-st. Although Mr. Wilsey declines to talk about the matter, it is understood that property is being secured for the purpose not far from West-st.

Samuel D. Babcock said yesterday that sites for the proposed model tenement-house buildings have not yet been determined on. Mr. Babcock added: "I am going out of town for a week or ten days, and during that time no definite action will be taken. We have been offered sites west of Tenth-ave. from the Harlem Railroad yards at Thirtieth-st. up to Fifty-seventh. I have no idea what site will be chosen."

John Sherry will go to Paris about July 1 to make a study of details for the building which he will erect for him at Fifth-ave. and Forty-fourth-st. The plans drawn by McKim, Mead & White were forwarded yesterday.

The same couple is found in the arrangement of that ballroom. Other features of the new building will be a piano room, a popular restaurant of the first-class type, a picture gallery, a billiard room, etc. Mr. Sherry said yesterday that the building might be constructed of limestone, instead of lime-stone and brick.

An auction sale will be held to-day of the fixtures at the house formerly occupied by Percy Pyne, Lewis and Dr. Guernsey, the two dwelling-houses on the main portion of the site which the new Sherry building will occupy. Mr. Sherry says that the deal will be closed Saturday afternoon or Monday afternoon or to-morrow. Mr. Sherry has the privilege of two renewals on his twenty-one-year lease.

Great difficulties have been encountered in the plan for a new large hotel between Third-ave. and Thirty-sixth-sts., between Broadway and Sixth-ave. This is an liquor place at the southeast corner of the block, the lease of which is held by John McNally. He submits the place from Oliver Jones, a widow, late husband of the Astor House, and the lease will be given to him.

The plan for a new large hotel between Third-ave. and Thirty-sixth-sts., between Broadway and Sixth-ave. is the Astor House. The plan of this property by Douglas H. Schneider depends on the securing of this and other leases, so that the construction of the hotel may be begun at once. Mr. McNally says that he had made no formal application for the lease, although he had been approached on the subject.

The Committee on Forms, Leases and Contracts of the Real Estate Commission has decided to propose a standard form for leases of all kinds of property.

**ALDERMAN TAIT BADLY HURT.**

Alderman William Tait is laid up from injuries that will keep him in his bed for several weeks. On returning home last Friday evening he was seen walking on his stoop with an attack of vertigo, and he fell over the railing into the area way, sustaining severe injuries to his solar plexus, hip and left leg.

Alderman Tait lives at No. 808 Sixth-st.

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